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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. Applicants submit this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the above-identified application. This IDS supplements the IDSs filed on July 23, 2003, January 10, 2005, and September 27, 2005.

With the exception of documents JP 10-300428 and JP 2000-269120, the documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in the Japanese Patent Office Action, mailed by the Japanese Patent Office on August 16, 2005 in a counterpart Japanese Application, a copy of which was submitted with the IDS filed on September 27, 2005.

Copies of the listed documents were also previously submitted with the IDS filed on September 27, 2005. However, at the Examiner's requirement, copies of the documents are being resubmitted at this time, together with their English translations which were obtained from the Japanese Patent Office website, with the exception of JP 60-216554, JP 63-287020, JP 1-179327, and JP 2-315. Only English-language abstracts are being submitted for these documents, because the full English translations are not available on the Japanese Patent Office website.

The relevance of the listed documents JP 10-300428 and JP 2000-269120 is discussed at page 36 of the specification. English language abstracts of the documents are also enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists, and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the documents.

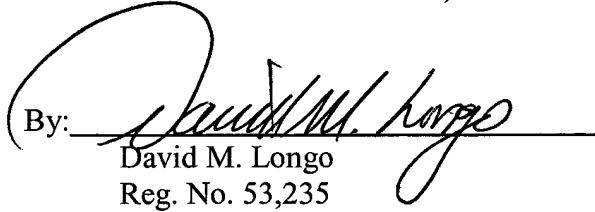
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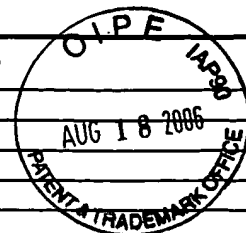
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